

Parks, Trails, Open Space Master Plan

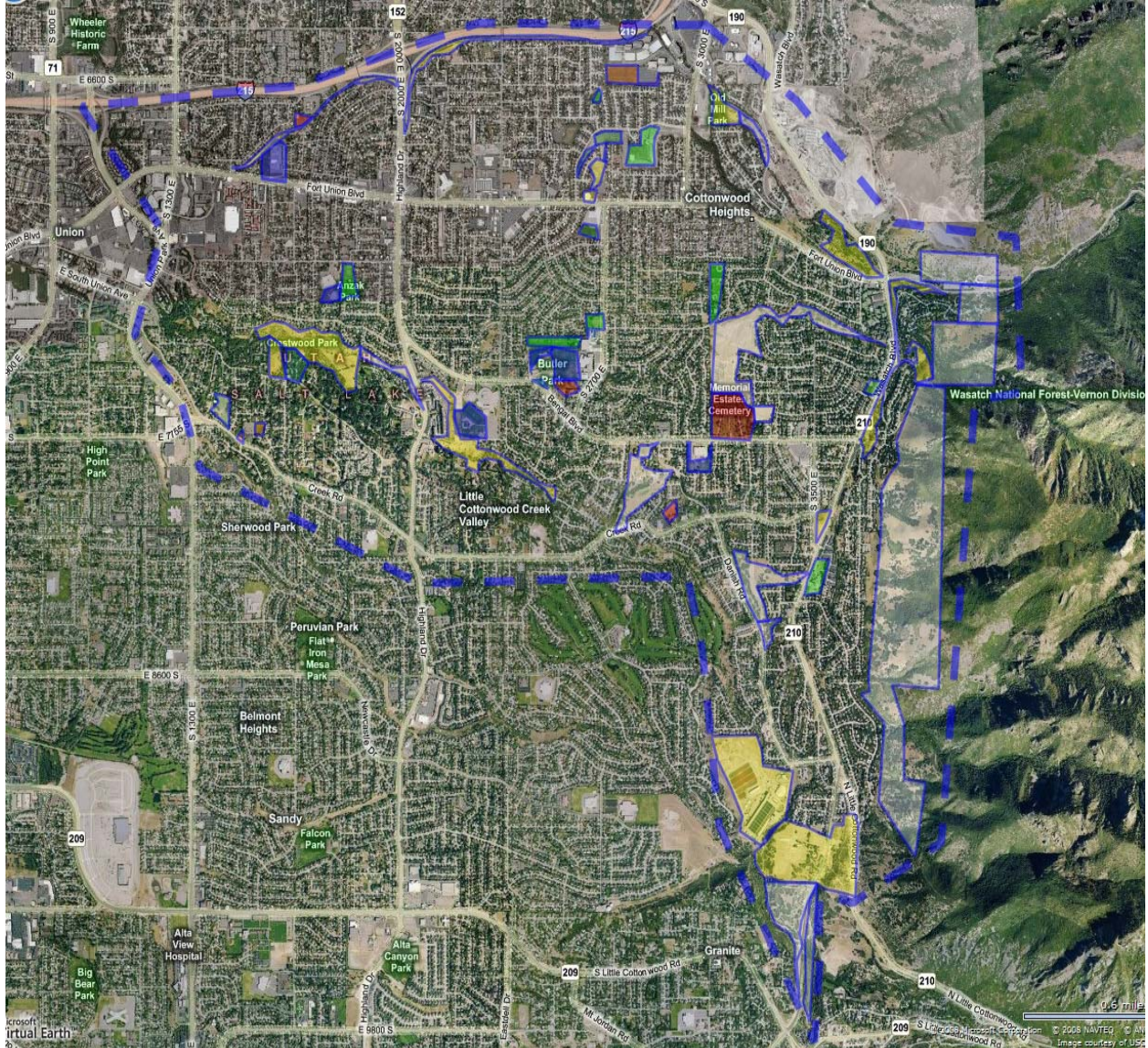


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INTRODUCTION

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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Adequate natural and developed open space and recreational facilities are more than desirable; they are essential to the overall social and economic well being of a community. A well-planned and managed parks, open space and trails system that provide active and passive recreational opportunities for all is considered an indispensable community infrastructure feature. Such a system should be available to all ages on a year-round basis in Cottonwood Heights. The need for such a system results from increased leisure time, higher incomes, greater mobility, and an increasing population. Remaining open space in and around Cottonwood Heights is in short supply. The growing need for recreational amenities is a key focus of the City.

DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS

PARKS DEFINITIONS

There are a variety of categories of parks described in the open space and recreation system including Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks and Trails, and Regional Parks. The individual park system elements may vary as their surroundings change. Multi-use trails and open space corridors are also important connectivity and design components of the City's open space and recreation system. The Cottonwood Heights Plan is based on the following definitions for parks and recreation standards and facilities serving the City.

The *"Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines"* (James D. Mertes, Ph.D., CLP and James R. Hall, CLP, National Recreation and Park Association, 1996) provide a beginning for recommendations for sufficient and appropriate standards for Cottonwood Heights. Such standards typically recommend three basic classes of parks to be provided: neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks. Projected population forecasts are used to determine existing park deficiencies as well as future needs and locations. Cottonwood Heights believes that where possible it is a desirable practice that land developers participate in the provision of public parks when new population is a result of the developer's plan. The provision of land and facilities for parks remains a constant issue. The three basic parks and trail components of an open space and recreation system are generally defined as follows.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE PARKS

The neighborhood park category generally provides activities for all age groups. Pocket Parks and School Parks are included within this category. Facilities may include open areas for a variety of informal field sports, pocket parks, playgrounds, picnic tables and/or shelters, drinking fountains, restrooms, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball courts, benches, and possibly tennis or hard-surfaced play areas for basketball. These parks are designed as walk-to facilities and, as such, do not include large parking lots or any on-site parking if the site is small.

Purpose: Provide primary recreation services and facilities that are easily accessible and available to local residents.

Park size: 5-10 acres

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- Area served: A single neighborhood or several neighborhoods, depending on the location of the park.
- Location: Preferably adjacent to elementary schools, neighborhood centers, or other gathering places and near the center of the service area, with good pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access.
- Access: Principally pedestrian and bike. When located next to schools, may have drive-in traffic due to availability of youth sport fields for leagues.

POCKET PARKS

- Purpose: Provide primary recreation services and facilities that are easily accessible and available to local residents.
- Park size: Varies depending on function (up to 1 acre)
- Area served: A single neighborhood, depending on the location of the park.
- Location: Preferably adjacent to gathering places and near the center of the service area, with good pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access.
- Access: Principally pedestrian and bike.

SCHOOL PARKS

- Purpose: Provide a range of recreational services and facilities to several neighborhoods that are served by an elementary or middle school. Shared amenities may include lighted facilities and lighted sports fields.
- Park size: Varies depending on function.
- Area served: A single neighborhood or several neighborhoods, depending on the location of the park.
- Location: Central to a group of neighborhoods and adjacent to a school facility. The School/Park should be within reasonable driving distance of all households in the service area.
- Access: Pedestrian, bike, and vehicular. Should have direct access from a collector level (or larger) street.

COMMUNITY PARKS

The community parks, trails/special use parks category generally are designed to serve all age groups as well as persons with disabilities while providing a wide variety of recreation opportunities. In addition to facilities found in pocket parks and neighborhood parks, the community park may include regulation baseball, football, and soccer fields, multiple tennis courts, multiple picnic pavilions, amphitheaters, and parking lots. Specialty parks and facilities consist of and usually provide unique services and locations to the wider community such as swimming pools, art museums, and amphitheaters together with hiking, jogging and bicycle trails.

- Purpose: Centralize a full range of recreational activities for major portions of the City with the capacity of accommodating large group reservations. Community parks generally feature a community center building designed to meet multi-generational recreation needs, and lighted recreational amenities and lighted sports fields.
- Park size: 20-50 acres

INTRODUCTION

Area served: Several neighborhoods or total City planning unit.

Location: Preferably central to a group of neighborhoods, where possible, adjacent to a Middle School or High School. Parks should be within reasonable driving time of all households in the service area.

Access: Principally auto and bike should have direct access from a collector street (or larger) and not through a residential area.

SPECIALTY PARKS

Purpose: To provide specialized facilities and/or to preserve significant unique features of the community, including environmentally sensitive areas.

Park size: Variable

Area served: The entire City and beyond

Location: Where necessary to capitalize on an existing facility or feature, or where a specialized activity can best be provided to serve interested persons.

Access: Variable - may require high degree of access, e.g. baseball stadium, skateboard park, or may require controlled limited access, e.g. wildlife preserve.

REGIONAL PARKS/CANYON CHARACTER PARKS

The regional park category is a large recreation area that serves an entire city or region. The regional park can exceed fifty to one hundred acres in size and often include multiple special use facilities such as a golf course, campgrounds, nature center, botanical garden, outdoor theater, trails, zoo, shorelines, lakes or a broad expanse of natural scenery or open space. Regional parks are designed to accommodate large numbers of people for a variety of day use activities. If possible, they should be developed around a unique or significant resource or emphasize regional recreational interests. Regional parks can also serve as buffers and separations between communities or other urban areas. The individual components of these parks described above may include the following:

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LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

Park and recreation service standards are general in nature and cannot and should not be absolutely, rigidly applied. They are, at best, a measure of desired community goals and objectives. The National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines recommend ten acres of parks for every 1,000 persons. These service level standards are subdivided into three basic categories: Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks and Regional Parks. Communities with Federally or state held lands such as Forest Service or national or state parks often include those in developing an overall acreage per 1000 standard and Cottonwood Heights is very fortunate to have such facilities adjacent to our border. The table below illustrates generally accepted national standards for the three categories of parks as a beginning point.

Based upon the estimated population of 38,000, this general standard would represent a need for 228 acres of total city, county, or recreation district controlled parkland for neighborhood and community parks.

The cooperative approach should be expanded, especially in cases where future land acquisition/capital facility cost arrangements can be mutually shared by the City, County, recreation district and the School District. The table illustrates the typical parkland level of service standards by the three types of park categories listed below when measured by generally recognized national standards.

TABLE 2.1

PARKLAND DEMAND STANDARDS	
PARK TYPE	DEMAND IN ACRES/1000 POP.
Pocket Parks & Neighborhood Parks	2.5 Acres/1000 population
Community Parks	3.5 Acres/1000 population
Regional Parks	4.0 Acres/1000 population
Totals	10/Acres/1000 pop.

EXISTING PARK LAND INVENTORY

This inventory and assessment is presented in order to permit Cottonwood Heights to understand its current recreation service standards compared to the preceding National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines and standards. This assessment will provide a basis for determination of future service standards to build-out. The City is deficient in land acquisition and development of facility improvements necessary to provide adequate community class park standards for current residents today. Cottonwood Heights is similarly deficient in both neighborhood and community park land and facilities to serve future residents. Regional parklands are more than sufficient to serve both existing and future forecasted population to build-out based on the proximity to the canyons.

The provision of adequate park and recreation facilities to serve the residents of Cottonwood Heights is the major focus of this Plan. The test for adequacy of services with respect to park and recreation services is evaluated and expressed in two dimensions: land and facilities. This section provides a review of current land and facilities comprising the existing recreation system within the Cottonwood Heights boundaries.

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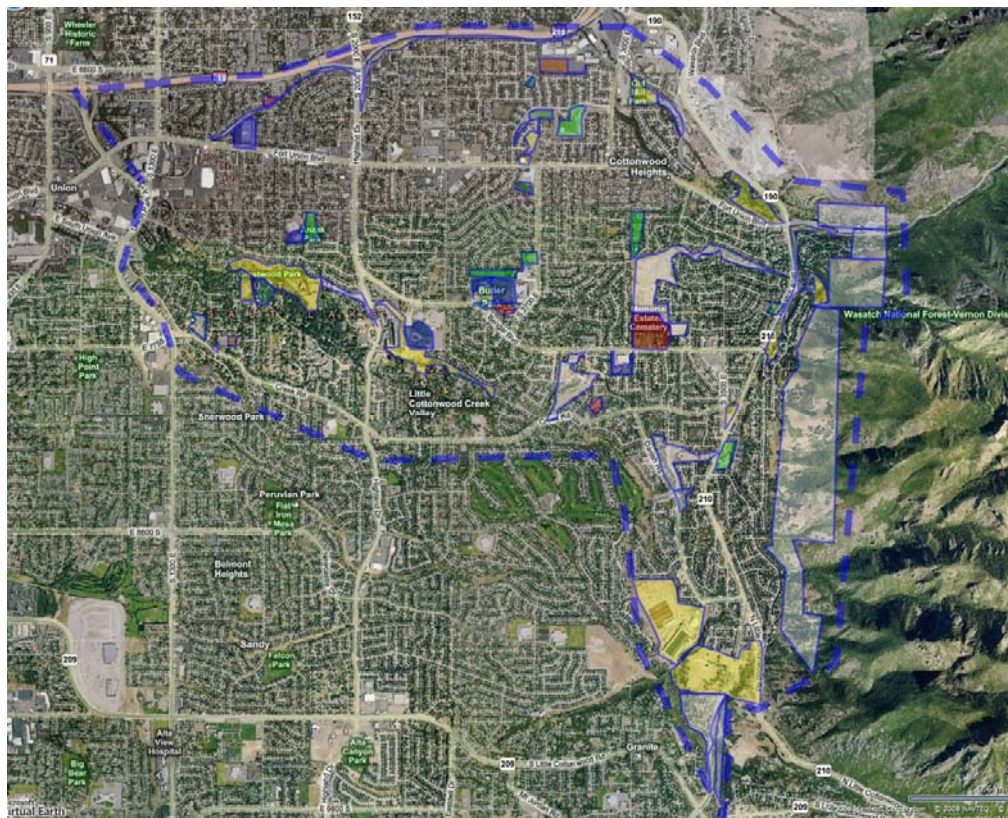
Green = Parks

Blue = Schools

Brown = Private Parks

Yellow = Unimproved Public Land

White = Unimproved Private Land



Antczak Park

Address: 7200 South 1850 East

Area: 6.56 acres

Neighborhood Park with Community Park Facilities

Owner: Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area

Constructed in 1980

Description: The facility is adjacent to Ridgecrest Elementary School and is well used by students, neighbors and community groups. The site slopes to the north and is located on the east side of the elementary school.

Facilities:

- Powered pavilion for 100 people
- 8 charcoal grills
- Picnic tables
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountain (4)
- 2 volleyball courts
- Horseshoe pit
- 4 lighted tennis courts
- Children's play area
- 2 league type baseball fields
- Open play field
- Parking



Summary: Trees are mature, park is functioning, heavily used, accomplishing its goal as a level of service for the neighborhood and community. The play structure is about two years old and seems to be well used. The scorer's box and stairs are in need of minor upkeep. ADA accessibility issues exist in the parking and playground access corridors.

Site Photos:



Berry Hill Park

Address: 6440 South 2700 East

Area: 1.62 acres

A small Neighborhood Park and flood Detention Facility

Owner: Salt Lake County Parks System

Purchased and completed in 1992

Description: A small “pocket park” with open grass play fields, benches and sidewalks around the perimeter. There is a trail linkage southward to a corporate office park and improved open space.

Facilities:

- Open lawn fields
- Sidewalk perimeter
- Mature trees
- Benches



Summary: The park’s primary function is a flood control detention facility. The trees are mature and provide ample shade and it provides a level of service for a passive neighborhood park.

Site Photos:



Bywater Park

Address: Banbury Road (7420 South) and 3149 East.

Area: 10.6 acres

Neighborhood Park by size standards with Community Park Facilities

Owner: Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area

Constructed 1980

Description: There is a pavilion (with electricity) for 100 people with 2 large charcoal grills, 3 "pod" picnic tables with charcoal grills, restrooms, water spout, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, two tennis courts, and a children's play area. There are playing fields used primarily for league play. There are also picnic tables available throughout the park.

Facilities:

3 league ball fields

Pavilion

2 Restrooms

Volleyball court

Mature trees

Benches

Sidewalk along parking and at street

Parking is inadequate for ballgames

2 lighted tennis courts

Children's Play Area

Horse shoe pit

Picnic tables

Open lawn fields

Drinking Fountains



Summary: The play structures are aging but acceptable. The scorer's box is deteriorating and needs repair and upgrade. ADA accessible issues exist in the parking and playground areas. There are mature trees with some invasive species such as Russian Olive. Park is servicing the community well and is heavily used. It plays a major role for the recreation needs of the neighborhood and community.

Site Photos:



Butler Park

Address: 2700 East and 7500 South

Area: 6.9 acres

Neighborhood Park

Owner: Salt Lake County Parks System

Purchased in 1964 and development began in 1973

Description: Open Play fields adjoining the Butler Middle School and Cottonwood Heights Elementary School Play fields. See Image A in the Appendix.

Facilities:

- Practice fields (overlapping soccer fields)

- Inadequate parking and circulation at Butler MS and at Cottonwood Heights ES

- Open lawn fields

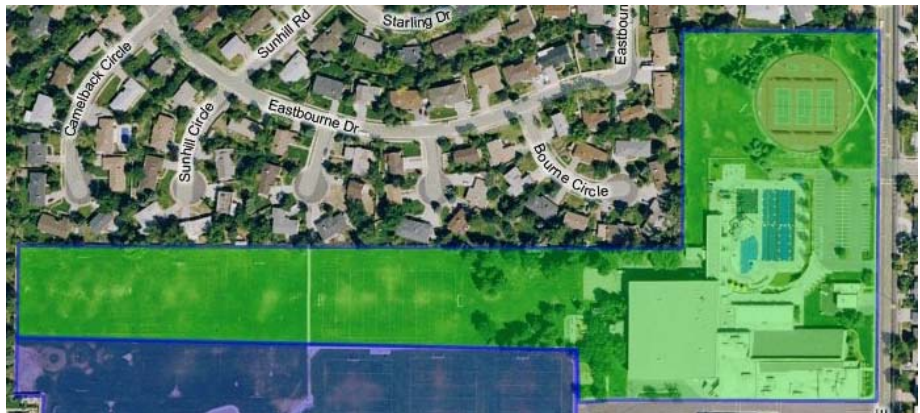
- Pavilion

- Volleyball Court

- Children's play area

- Benches

- Drinking Fountain



Site Photos:



Butler Park Extension

Address: 2700 East and 7500 South

Area: 2 acres

Neighborhood Park

Owner: Salt Lake City Corporation

Constructed in 1973

Description: This is part of the Greater Butler Park and includes tennis and basketball facilities atop a water storage tank. See Image A in the Appendix.

Facilities:

- 3 Tennis courts

- 1 Basketball Court

- 1 Walking Path



Site Photos:



Crestwood Park (Improved)

Address: 1770 East Siesta Drive

Area: 6.0 acres improved (8.2 acres unimproved)

Community Park

Owner: Salt Lake County Parks System

Purchased in 1970, constructed over last 35 years

Description: The pool and park facilities are located in a quiet established housing development and are a carry-over from a privately owned country club swimming pool. This park also serves as a vehicular access to South Cottonwood Park, an undeveloped park and trails area. Little Cottonwood Creek runs along the north edge. See Image B and Site Plan 1 in the Appendix.

Facilities:

- 2 tennis courts
- Children's play area
- Restrooms
- Partial sidewalk trail
- Horse shoe pit
- Adequate concrete parking
- Picnic tables
- Open lawn fields
- Mature trees
- Benches
- Swimming Pool

Summary: Trees are mature, park is functioning, heavily used, accomplishing its goal as a level of service for the neighborhood and community, inadequate play equipment, and deteriorating pool



Site Photos:



Dick Guthrie Skate Park

Address: 2400 East Bengal Boulevard

Area: 1.03 acres

Specialty park

Owner: Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area

Constructed: 2000

Description: This is part of the Greater Butler Park. See Image A in the Appendix.

Facilities:

Skateboarding area

Adequate Parking

Neighborhood facility



Summary: Newly developed park

Site Photos:



Golden Hills Park

Address: 8125 South Wasatch Blvd.

Area: 6.8 acres

Neighborhood Park

Owner: Salt Lake County Parks System improved by the Cottonwood Heights Parks Recreation Service Area and by the City of Cottonwood Heights in 2007.

Description: Trees are mature, park was opened in 2007 and is heavily used, accomplishing its goal as a level of service for the neighborhood and community.

Facilities:

- Pavilion
- 1 Tennis Court
- Open Fields
- Concrete perimeter Trail
- Children's play area
- Mature trees
- Adequate shared parking with fire station
- Picnic tables
- Benches



Summary: New play structure, Shared parking, walkways, lawn and trees, a well used new park



Mill Hollow Park

Address: 2900 E. Hollow Mill Drive

Area: 11.41 acres

Community Park

Owner Salt Lake County parks System: Improvements by Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area

Constructed in 1994

Description: A new park with passive and active amenities, parking, and connections to adjacent private undeveloped open space and developed public neighborhood park.

Facilities:

- Adequate parking
- Children's play area
- 1 Open play fields/practice field
- 1 Softball field
- Perimeter Asphalt sidewalk
- 1 Pavilion
- 1 Restroom
- 1 Tennis court
- Maturing landscape



Summary: The park is heavily used and the trees are starting to mature. The park connects to a path system to a corporate office park and connects back to Berryhill Neighborhood Park.

Site Photos:



Prospector Ridge Trailhead Park

Address: 7700 South Prospector Drive (Parking Lot)

7700 Timberline Drive (Learning Park)

Area: 10.1 acres

Special Use Park: Trailhead for Ferguson Canyon and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail

Owner: Cottonwood Heights City, acquired in 2008

Currently in the Programming and Design Phase

Description: The 10+ acres, which is the total of both pieces, is programmed for parking and educational facilities for the Salt Lake Valley, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and the Ferguson Canyon Trail.

Facilities (to be determined):

Adequate parking

Educational Facilities

Restrooms



Butler Elementary School

Address: 7000 South 2700 East

Area: 3.4 Acres

Owner Jordan School District

Facilities:

- Practice fields

- Children's play area



Summary: Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area schedule practice and play on these fields.

Site Photos:



Brighton High School

Address: 2220 E. 7600 S.

Area: 12.86 Acres

Owner Jordan School District

Facilities:

- Tournament baseball field

- Tournament football field

- Track

- Practice Fields

- Softball field



Canyon View Elementary School

Address: 3050 E. 7800 South

Area: 4.79 acres

Facilities:

- Open play fields
- Children's play area
- Court games



Butler Park Middle School

Address: 2415 East Bengal Blvd

Area: 10.5 acres

Owner: Jordan School District

Description: The playing fields are used primarily for soccer, lacrosse and football practice and tournament play. This is part of Greater Butler Park. See Image A in the Appendix.

Facilities:

- 4 practice football/soccer fields
- 1 competition soccer field
- 8 Basketball standards
- Partial sidewalk trail
- Open lawn fields
- Connection to neighborhood
- Inadequate parking
- Court Games



Summary: Heavily used play, practice, and tournament sports fields, with inadequate parking and circulation. Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area schedule practice and play on these fields.



Cottonwood Heights Elementary School Park

Address: 2415 East Bengal Blvd

Area: 4.5 acres

Owner: Jordan School District

Description: The playing fields are used primarily for soccer, lacrosse and football practice and tournament play. This is part of Greater Butler Park. See Image A and Plan 5 in the Appendix.

Facilities:

- 3 practice ball fields
(overlapping soccer fields)
- 3 Children's play area
- Hard surface play area
- Partial sidewalk trail
- Open lawn fields
- Connection to neighborhood
- Inadequate parking
- Volleyball courts



Summary: Adequate play structure, quantity and circulation efficiency issues in parking and playground access. Park is functioning, heavily used, accomplishing its goal as a level of service for the school, neighborhood and community. The school is presently closed, but presents an opportunity to add park and opens pace inventory. Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area schedule practice and play on these fields.



Mountview Elementary School

Address: 1651 East Fort Union Blvd.

Area: 11.16 acres

Facilities:

- Adequate parking

- Natural open field

- 2 baseball backstops

- Connection to neighborhood

- Connection to Trail

- Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area schedule practice and play on these fields

- Children's play area

Description: The school is currently closed and poses an opportunity to add open space and recreation inventory. See Plan 4 in the Appendix.



Ridgecrest Elementary School

Address: 1850 East 7200 South

Area: 3.8 acres

Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area schedules fields and has vested monetarily in these fields.

Facilities:

- Ball fields
- Children's play area
- Basketball
- Shared Parking with Antczak Park



Bella Vista Elementary School

Address: 2151 East Fort Union Boulevard

Area: 5.34 acres

Owner: Jordan School District: Improvements to the fields by Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service area.

Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area schedules fields and has vested monetarily in these fields.

Facilities:

- Open play fields
- 2 baseball backstops
- Adequate parking
- Children's play areas
- Connection to neighborhood



Churches

Address: per location

Area: per location

Facilities

Open Play

Practice Fields



Church—Wasatch: 3.03 acres



Church—Bengal Blvd.: 2.27 acres



Church—Greenfield Way: 5.56 acres



Church—Creek Road: 2.55 acres



Church—Creek Road West: 1.68 acres
Cemetery owned by Daughters of Utah Pioneers



Church—Mill Hollow: 3.40 acres

Cottonwood Corporate Center Trail and Blue Cross/Blue Shield Open Space

Address: 2151 East Fort Union Boulevard

Area: 9.21 Acres

Facilities:

- Open fields
- Connection to neighborhood
- Connection to near by park



Summary: This property is owned By Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utah. It has the potential for commercial development and is now planted in turf for dust control (approved for development to 158,000 sf office).

South Cottonwood Park

Address: Little Cottonwood Creek

Area: 42.05 acres

Regional Park

Owner: Salt Lake County Parks System, designated a regional park – not yet developed.

Facilities:

- No parking
- Open fields
- Unimproved trails



Crestwood Park - Expansion

Address: 1700 East Siesta Drive

Area: 8.2 acres unimproved adjacent to Crestwood Pool

Community Park

Owner: Salt Lake County Parks System, undeveloped portion of Crestwood Park. See Image B and Plan 1 in the Appendix.

Facilities:

- No parking

- Open natural space



Lab Alive Park

Address: 8085 South 1300 East

Area: 3.63 acres

Owner: Salt Lake County

Facilities:

- Adequate parking but in very poor condition

- Natural open field

- Wetlands- Non-jurisdictional

- Boardwalk

The property is owned by Salt Lake County as a man-made detention facility. It is a non-jurisdictional detention basin and is being considered by Cottonwood Heights for development as a Dog Park. See Plan 3 in the Appendix.



UDOT Parcel and US Forrest Service Parcel

Address: Hollow Mill Drive and 3000 East.

Area: 11.3 acres (UDOT); 2.4 acres (USFS)

Facilities:

- Open space

- Connection to Trails

See Image C and Plan 2 in the Appendix.



Forrest Service Building
Development—2.4 acres

UDOT Snow removal and maintenance
facility. Negotiations with UDOT to give
City first right of refusal on this land—11.3
acres.

Murray City Water Department

Address: Wasatch and Ft. Union Blvd.

Area: 18.0 Acres

Owner Murray City Water Conservancy and is part of a trail system

Facilities:

Natural open field/sensitive lands



Agricultural Parcel

Address: Creek Road and 1400 Creek Rd

Area: 4.9 Acres

Zoned RR-1

Facilities:

Undeveloped Open Space



WHAT YOU HAVE

UNIMPROVED PRIVATE LAND

Address: varies

Area: per area below

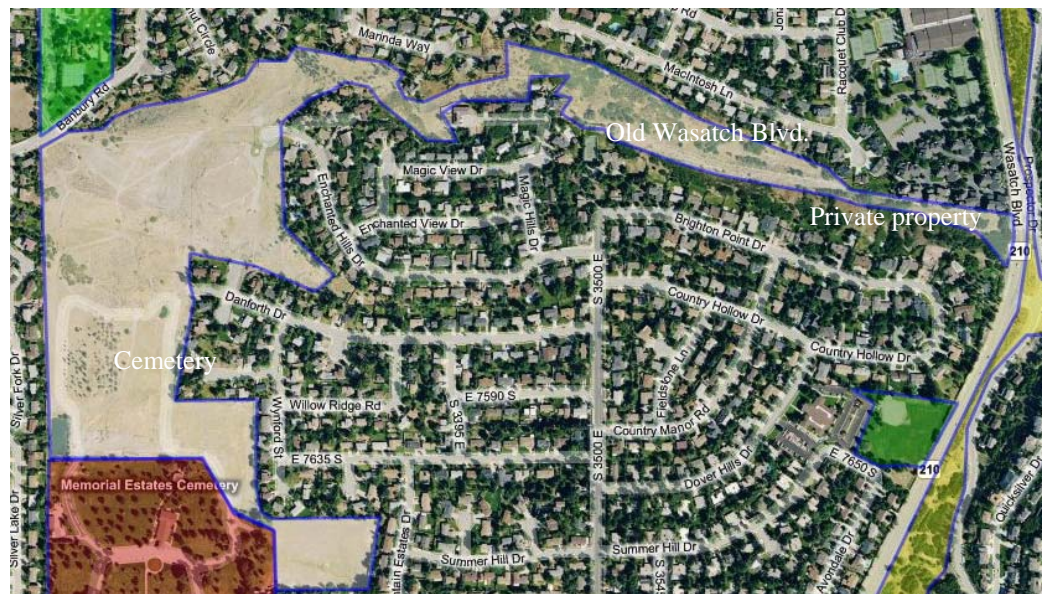
Facilities:

Undeveloped Open Space



Despain Property—pending plat on part of land.

Area: 101 acres



Area: 57.0 acres

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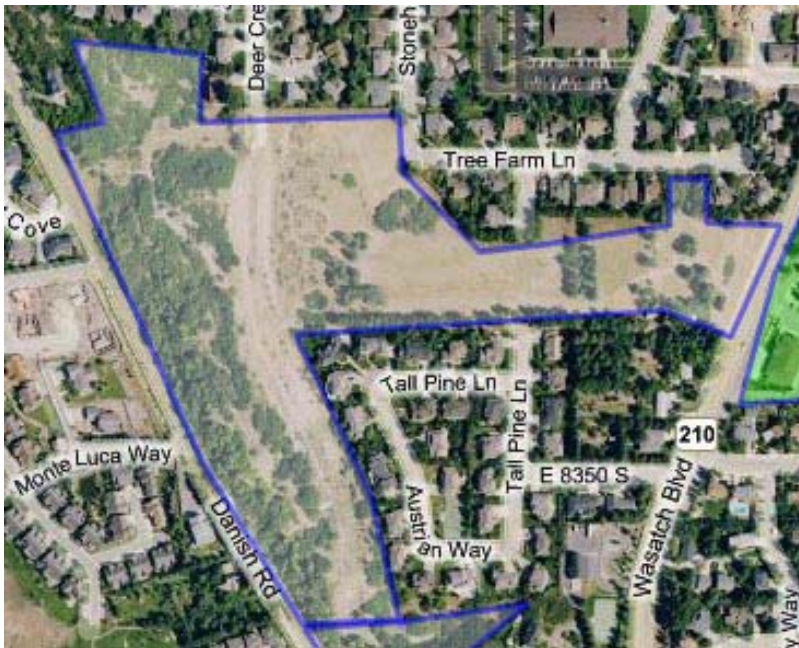
UNIMPROVED PRIVATE LAND

Address: varies

Area: per area below

Facilities:

Undeveloped Open Space



LDS Private Property
Area: 25.4 acres



Private Property
Area: 3.4 acres

WHAT YOU HAVE

Address: varies

Area: per area below

Facilities:

Undeveloped Open Space

UNIMPROVED PRIVATE LAND



Private HOA Property
Area: 8.65 acres



Murray City Water
Department

ACREAGE AND FACILITIES - BY CATEGORY

Total Parks acreage: 63.02 acres (Community and Neighborhood Parks)

Pavilions: 5

Ball Fields: 5 league fields

Tennis courts: 13

Children's Play Areas

Structures in Parks: 6

Structures in Schools: 9

Restrooms: 6

Total School Parks acreage: 56.35

Open space play fields, 7 play structures

Total Private Parks acreage: 16.9

Total Unimproved Public Lands acreage: 91.92

Total Unimproved Private Lands acreage: 253.8

Total Natural Open Space/ Sensitive lands acreage: 83.9 + .53 sq mi

Total Special Use Parks—Dick Guthrie Skate Park: 1.09 acres

Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center is a facility that contains a number of amenities for the Cottonwood Heights community and for others with a small user fee. These amenities include indoor ice rink, swimming pool, basketball, and volleyball courts, racquetball and jogging track.

Additional facilities found within the Cottonwood Heights community are School District gymnasiums, which offer the community indoor recreational activities.

CITY OF COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS	SIZE	NRPA* STANDARDS
LAND/PARKS		
Neighborhood & Community	63.02 acres	6/1000
Schools	56.35 acres	6/1000
REGIONAL		4/1000
Private	16.9 acres	
Unimproved Public Land	91.92 acres	
Unimproved Private Land	253.8 acres	
Open Space	423.1+ acres	
FACILITIES		
Restrooms	5	Within Parks
Ball Fields	5	1/5000
Tennis Courts	13	1/2000
Open Play Fields	7	1/5000
Children's Play Areas	15	Within Parks and Schools

WHAT YOU NEED

Priority Options

One process Cottonwood Heights might consider is to upgrade the existing facilities within the City. This would involve close interaction and collaboration between Cottonwood Heights City, Special Improvement Districts, the School District and the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department – since Cottonwood Heights City does not currently own its park facilities. The Service District has use, maintenance and improvement agreements between similar organizations and financial arrangements for upgrade would be more of a coordination issue between departments and working out funding mechanisms.

The new development of existing public land should be a high priority item. This work might include raw land owned by the County (such as Lab Alive Park) and develop it into the park as currently designed, and implement the trail system from the General Plan by developing Prospector Ridge into a trailhead and educational facility.

Develop special use parks, similar to the skate park, that may be in demand by the citizens. The Old Mill Pond, owned by Salt lake County, could be developed into a fishing pond and expanded into an excellent City Entrance by owning and developing the UDOT site.

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Based on the estimated build out population of 38,000 people, NRPA guidelines suggest a need for 228 acres total of city, county or recreation district controlled community and neighborhood parks. Based on the information we gathered and the inventory within the city limits of Cottonwood Heights.

WHAT YOU NEED

The cooperative approach should be expanded, especially in cases where future land acquisition/capital facility cost arrangements can be mutually shared by the City, Salt Lake County, the Special Recreation District and the School District.

This inventory and assessment is presented in order to permit Cottonwood Heights to understand its current recreation service standards compared to the National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines and standards. This assessment will provide a basis for the determination of future services for development. The City is deficient in land acquisition and development of facility improvements necessary to provide adequate community class park standards for current residents today. Cottonwood Heights similarly is deficient in both neighborhood and community parkland and facility services to serve future residents. Region serving parklands are more than sufficient to serve both existing and future forecasted population to build-out based on access to the nearby canyons and mountains.

The provision of adequate park and recreation facilities to serve the residents of Cottonwood Heights is the major focus of this Plan. The test for adequacy of services with respect to park and recreation services is evaluated and expressed in two dimensions, land and facilities. This section provides a review of current land and facilities comprising the existing recreation system within the Cottonwood Heights boundaries.

The regional parks include the South Cottonwood Park of 42.05 acres, supplemented by the two canyons and the recreational opportunities close to the community which lie within the Forest Service boundaries. This leaves the neighborhood and community parks to be addressed. Based on the inventory of available land, public and private, within the city boundaries this may not be obtainable. Therefore, the goal is to evaluate what is the most cost effective measure to add park land to the city while minimizing the expenditure of financial resources from the city and its citizens.

To accomplish this goal, the most likely opportunities seem to be the unimproved public lands, mostly Salt Lake County Parks Department land or State of Utah property. Two Jordan School District properties are available; however, the acreage currently used for recreation has been included in the total count for neighborhood and community parks.

The following projects will add acreage and increase the level of service to the Cottonwood Heights Parks program by developing special use parks for trailheads, fishing ponds and dog related activities. This will be done by utilizing unimproved public property for park development, securing Jordan School District property, and developing agreements with private property owners.

The following acreage is available from Unimproved Public Land:

8.2 acres – adjacent to the Crestwood Pool

8.74 acres – Old Mill flood Retention Pool

11.3 acres – UDOT Maintenance Site (adjacent to Old Mill Flood Retention Pond)

3.63 acres – Lab Alive Park developed as a dog park

31.87 acres added to the park program

WHAT YOU NEED

The following projects are not listed in order of priority.

Crestwood Park

- Located at 1700 Siesta Drive (8000 South), Crestwood Park is a Salt Lake County Park facility on 6 acres of improved public land. It is adjacent to two other Salt Lake County park properties, Cottonwood Regional Park to the south (42 acres) and undeveloped park land on the west (8.2 acres).
- Three meetings have taken place with a citizens group and Cottonwood Heights City Councilmen to prepare a preliminary program of facilities and a concept plan for the park. The decision was made to use the combined 14.2 acres to design a new park keeping the recently constructed restroom on the east side of the property.
- The illustrative conceptual master plan is the culmination of meetings and discussions with a neighborhood group and Cottonwood Heights City officials. See Plan 1 in the Appendix.

Old Mill Pond Park/UDOT Maintenance Facility

- Located at 3000 East and 6600 South, the property is comprised of two adjoining parcels: 8.74 acres of flood control pond owned by Salt Lake County Parks and a 13.7 acre parcel owned by the Utah Department of Transportation. The two parcels sit on a heavily traveled 3000 East. They are positioned as perfect amenities for an entrance to the City of Cottonwood Heights.
- The Old Mill Pond is programmed for an urban fishery and parking for the Big Cottonwood Creek Trail Head. The conceptual plan, shown at the end of this section, combines the two parcels with the US Forest Service's Fire Operations Facility creating a community park adjacent to the pond with parking, pavilions, picnic and open play facilities. This plan not only creates an aesthetically pleasing green park space but an opportunity to enhance the entrance to the City of Cottonwood Heights. See Plan 2 in the Appendix.

Lab Alive Park

- This is a Salt Lake County property located at 8085 South and 3500 East. It is presently a non-jurisdictional detention basin. The City of Cottonwood Heights is considering the property for a community dog park as well as a ski area park and ride lot. After attending the public meeting, reviewing the preliminary design and cost estimate, and receiving input from the City officials we have developed a conceptual plan responding to the comments. See Plan 3 in the Appendix.

WHAT YOU NEED

The following acreage is available from Jordan School District property:

11.16 acres – Mount View Elementary

6.0 acres – Cottonwood Heights Elementary added to recreation after the development of the City Hall project.

17.5 acres already included in the park program inventory.

Mountview Elementary School Property

- The property is presently owned by the Jordan School District and is located at 1651 East and Fort Union Blvd. The field is 11.6 acres and the area has been included in the inventory. The adjacent community is somewhat surrounded by major streets and does not have a park to serve the citizens. Several meetings were conducted with a neighborhood committee, city officials and councilmen to develop a conceptual plan and preliminary program for facilities on the site after the school is demolished. See Plan 4 in the Appendix.

Cottonwood Heights Elementary School Property

- This property sits on an 11 acre site on 2425 East and Bengal Blvd. It is owned by the Jordan School District. The inventory only counted the 4.5 acres of play fields outside the school building and parking. The city is presently looking at this site as a City Hall/Town Center site. The new buildings and parking will only utilize half of the available acreage leaving 5.5 acres for recreation and green space. See Plan 5 in the Appendix.

The following acreage is available from private property:

9.2 acres – open field owned by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utah Proper and located within the Cottonwood Corporate Center.

10-12 acres of community park land identified as part of the development of the Despain Property at 10000 South and Wasatch Boulevard.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Playfields

- The Cottonwood corporate Center is home for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utah. They currently own 9.2 acres of land west of their corporate offices. The property is earmarked for future development and is planted grass to reduce dust. It is level enough to be used as a play field but is not presently utilized for any organized recreational program. The surrounding parking is typically vacated on weekends and after 5:00pm. This combination of parking and open fields could be managed for organized play such as soccer or lacrosse. It would take a risk management agreement between a public and private entity to achieve this goal and this route is highly recommended.

The Despain Property

- This property is approximately 100 acres of land zoned for residential development. The southeast corner of Cottonwood Heights does not have a sizable piece of property for park development. With the use of a development agreement, the City may be able to preserve or set aside a 10 to 12 acre parcel for a community park.

HOW YOU GET THERE

Several options are available to Cottonwood Heights for the development of open space identified earlier in this document. The following is a discussion of those options with an analysis of costs and benefits.

Upgrade the existing facilities within the City – since the City does not own park or open space per se, collaboration with and between Cottonwood Heights City, Special Improvement Districts, the School District and the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department would need to occur. This work would not address the current needs or projected growth demands of the City services and parks, but it would reduce the risk of injury and safety to citizens and it would increase the enjoyment of those facilities.

Research and apply for Federal and State grants for the development and maintenance of open space, parks, trails, tree placement and urban fisheries.

Develop a Special Improvement Service District for Crestwood Pool, which would be funded in part by the City and assessments to the District members. This would carry some financial and political risk. The Special Improvement Service District may not be approved or the funding may be too small to affect significant change. Or, alternatively, expand the Special Improvement Service District to include this area

Have a Bond election, which is a Cottonwood Heights citizen voter approved loan on property tax increases. This is a good revenue source which grows as the population increases however it could be defeated in an election.

Land purchase or land trade with Jordan School District for Mount View Elementary School. This would be an outright purchase and might be a drain on City funds. A purchase agreement has the possibility of being more flexible in principle and interest or in other considerations such as land trades or maintenance agreements.

Levy user fees - a funding source that is minimal and intermittent.

Leasing – minimize the capital outlay but the assets of the City will not increase.

Private donations – minimal revenue stream but may offer a one time large funding source.

Service and Maintenance Agreements – This mechanism may include an agreement between government owned land, which could be serviced and maintained by the City. The benefits would be a small capital outlay for additional service equipment, and a larger human resources outlay for the hiring, training and retention, including benefits and overhead, of people.

GREATER BUTLER PARK AREA

IMAGE A



CRESTWOOD PARK AREA

IMAGE B



OLD MILL POND AREA

IMAGE C

